



2nd Lieutenant Sam Eckholm

Public Affairs Officer



2nd Lieutenant Samuel Eckholm serves as the Public Affairs Officer for the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team. As the PAO, he handles all social media, community relations, civic outreach, and media outreach for the team. Lt Eckholm also serves as the team photographer and videographer, helping to capture, edit, and showcase the story and mission of the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team to the world. Lt Eckholm manages the team social media pages and interacts with thousands of fans on a daily basis. He represents Air Combat Command, the United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense at more than 20 air shows annually to over 10 million fans and spectators across the world.

Lt Eckholm is from Dallas, Texas and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies. Lt Eckholm received his first assignment to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia in August of 2018 where he joined the Public Affairs shop of the 663d Air Base

Wing. This is Lt Eckholm's second season with the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team.

In his spare time, Lt Eckholm enjoys photography and video production, as well as all things sports related. He is an avid runner, musician, and golfer. He is looking forward to interacting with the thousands of individuals the team meets throughout the season in addition to helping to recruit the next generation of Airmen.

Education

- 2018 – Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 2019 – Public Affairs Qualification Course, Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland

Assignments

- June 2014 – May 2018: United States Air Force Academy Class of 2018
- August 2018: Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., 633d Air Base Wing Public Affairs
- January 2019: F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, Public Affairs Officer, JBLE, Va.